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Honorable J. W. Fulbright
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

You have requested comment on S. 2726 "A BILL To provide for the establishment of a Citizens' Council for the Spread of Freedom."

It is noted that among the powers enumerated for the Council is the authority to secure directly from any department or agency information deemed necessary by the Council to carry out its functions. The proposal also directs the furnishing of such information by the agency having possession of it. No distinction is made between classified and unclassified information. Demand for release of information by the Central Intelligence Agency under the authority of the proposed legislation would conflict with the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence for the protection of intelligence sources and methods, which is set forth in section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and could give rise to serious security objections.

The prime thrust of this legislation, however, involves matters which are not directly within the purview of this Agency. Consequently, I feel that further specific comment on the substantive matters set forth in the Bill would not be appropriate.

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The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. MCCONE

John A. McCone
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Review by the DD/I, OTR and CA Staff of the attached proposed legislation for the establishment of a Citizens' Council for the spread of freedom has indicated some opposition to the proposal. However, since it is one which will operate outside Government channels, I do not recommend we take exception other than noting that authority in such a Council to demand and receive information from this Agency could raise serious security objections.

Formal Bureau of the Budget approval has been given.

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

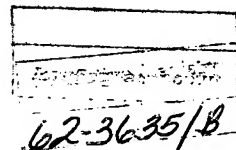
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19 JUL 1962

Honorable Wright Patman
Chairman, Joint Economic Committee
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Patman:

Reference is made to your letter of 24 May 1962 requesting certain summary research papers for use in the preparation of a Committee report on recent economic growth in the USSR and my reply thereto of 4 June 1962. Our contributions will be unclassified.

As we have indicated in the past, assistance provided your Committee through the furnishing of these and similar unclassified reports, is somewhat foreign to our normal responsibilities. In accordance with current policy, it is important that the Central Intelligence Agency not be identified as the source or sponsor of these reports. Accordingly, the individual authors should be listed with their professional backgrounds without reference to their employment in or association with this Agency.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Marshall S. Carter
Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

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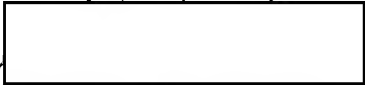
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The attached letter to the Chairman, Joint Economic Committee formalizes our request to avoid Agency attribution of material furnished the Committee staff and recommends utilization of the individual authors in all source references. We have discussed the matter with Committee staff representatives and with ORR and feel the attached will best serve Agency and Committee interests.


Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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